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## Seen and unseen NCAA changes stir controversy

By DOUG TICKNER  
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — The 77th convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association will be remembered in the bound volumes of such events for legislating tougher academic requirements for student-athletes through a controversial proposal No. 48.

The ink-and-paper record, however, will not show an equally significant development. For the first time, university presidents took command of the policy-making meetings of the ruling body of collegiate sports.

Angered by scandals of academic abuse that have put 22 schools on probation, they wrote proposals to toughen academic requirements for incoming athletes. They were bitterly denounced by blacks, who said the requirements were racially and regionally discriminatory.

The picture was one that will be forever etched in the memory of those who were there. Dignified, conservative white university presidents biting their lips and standing their ground while black colleagues accused them of racial bigotry.

That was interesting, indeed, very interesting," said Jesse Stone, president of a deep South university. "Five years ago, I guarantee you I would have walked at the start of the racial charges. We all would have. But it didn't happen this time. Did it? The pendulum swings one way, then it comes back the other way."

It was clear as the battle waged that the presidents were the ones in charge of this convention. The athletic directors and other administrators who normally conduct the convention's business sat and listened, for the most part.

There were more than 100 presidents in attendance, the largest number ever to attend and most of them for the first time. As one observer put it, "This reminds me of when me and my brothers would get into a ruckus, and after a while daddy would come busting through the door and give us all a whole of a licking."

The presidents did not stop with academics. They also saw to it that several measures were adopted to broaden and greatly strengthen the enforcement department, the division which carries out the rules the convention makes.

Furthermore, they thwarted the efforts of the policy-making NCAA Council in mustering

Subject of a Division I restructuring proposal.

The plan would have trimmed the top basketball division by 25 schools, addressing a problem that has plagued the NCAA for years. But a committee of college presidents working through American Council on Education got it beaten down. The committee members, who wrote the academic proposal, told presidents of schools who would be affected by the plan that they would vote against it in exchange for their vote on the academic proposal.

What will all the new rules mean? Nobody can say for sure, but practically everybody has a theory.

Of the requirement that high school graduates must score at least 700 on the SAT or 15 on the ACT college entrance exam to be eligible for Division I schools, Bob Moorman, commissioner of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, a group of predominantly black Division II schools, said "it means a lot of our athletes are going to come back to us."

A few presidents of black colleges, including Jesse Stone of Southern and Joseph Johnson of Grambling, said the convention's action was "blatant racism," and there were threats of pulling the predominantly black schools out of the NCAA.

"We are still members of the NCAA but I can't predict we will be in the future," Stone said Tuesday night following passage of controversial proposal No. 48.

"We will have to study our need to remain in the NCAA," added Johnson.

In addition, presidents and school officials of several predominantly black schools said they might seek the help of such black leaders as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the New York Times reported today.

Dr. Joab Thomas, president of the University of Alabama, said that now the presidents have assessed their authority, they're not likely to give it up.

"I'm going to be talking to some of my colleagues about setting up an organization of us within the NCAA," he said. "College presidents don't have the time to devote to the daily details of athletic departments. But at the time we came prepared. We were organized, and we knew what we wanted to do. Next year's convention, I think, will also see some heavy involvement by the presidents."

## NCAA sets preseason grid playoff game

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — The players won't be the same as they were in 1982, but Penn State and Southern Methodist may now have a way of settling some of their differences over who's No. 1 in college football.

As a result of legislation approved Wednesday at the National Collegiate Athletic Association convention, an annual preseason college football game will be played each August between two major teams.

The Collegiate Kick-Off Classic will be played at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. This year's date will be either Aug. 27 or Aug. 29 and the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority has guaranteed \$1.625 million a year for three years, with each team taking home at least \$550,000.

The rest of the money will be divided among the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, the American Football Coaches Association and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. The Hall of Fame at Kings Island will use its proceeds to pay off a \$3.5 million mortgage.

Although the teams won't be selected until around March 1, SMU athletic director Bob Hitt said there has been "some contact" with the game's sponsors. He said the Mustangs, who finished second to national champion Penn State in the 1982 final ranking, "would be delighted" to participate in the inaugural contest.

Penn State Coach Joe Paterno, who voted against the game, said his school had not been contacted. If an invitation is forthcoming, Paterno said he would leave the decision up to his players.

In other noteworthy action, the NCAA convention permitted Division I-A football teams to add a ninth full-time assistant coach—a proposal turned down several times in recent years while eliminating the two part-time assistants, unless a school has a sub-varsity program. However, they rejected a measure that would have added a third full-time basketball assistant.

The delegates also attempted to cut down on recruiting violations by prohibiting alumni and boosters from recruiting off-campus. And they adopted a conduct rules that could result in athletes being declared ineligible, plus punitive action against staff members who violate NCAA regulations.

They also passed a measure requiring schools to include in coaches' contracts a provision that employment may be suspended or terminated if a coach violates NCAA regulations.

The preseason football game, similar to basketball's Tip-Off Classic, would not count against the NCAA's 11-game regular-season limit. A proposal for a general 12-game season was rejected by the convention.

The football game's sponsors sought to alleviate fears of some postseason bowls by emphasizing that this is not a bowl game or a national championship game.

Teams will not be allowed to play in the game more than once every five years. In addition, over a seven-year period, at least seven different conferences and two independent teams would be offered an appearance. No invited team has to participate.

There would also be no rematch of bowl opponents from the previous year, no pairing of teams scheduled to play later in the season and no match between the Big Ten and Pacific-10 Conferences, whose champions play in the Rose Bowl.

The \$1.625 million would be guaranteed regardless of any television contract and participation in the game would not count as a TV appearance.

Any additional income above the underwritten \$1.625 million would be divided as follows — 25 percent to each team, 25 percent to the Hall of Fame, 20 percent to NACADA and 5 percent to the stadium authority.

In other action, the delegates: Eliminated the Nov. 1 restriction on contacts between schools and postseason bowls. However, the official invitation date remains the Saturday after the third Tuesday in November, although the bowls may set a later date among themselves.

Provided for an unlimited number of graduate assistant coaches provided each is enrolled in at least 30 percent of a school's minimum regular graduate program, does not receive remuneration in excess of the value of commonly accepted educational expenses, does not hold the position for more than two years and has no additional employment arranged by the school.

Eliminated the actual signing date from counting in the three-contact recruiting limitation in Division I-A football, while keeping it in Division I-AA.

## Samp again

By JOHN I. AP Sports

North Carolina's Jim Valvano, who was named Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches, said he was "pleased" to be named Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

With a healthy lineup, the Wolfpack, a 16-point lead in the first half, led the Cavaliers Wednesday. "Losing Whitte he was performing in Raleigh," Valvano said.

Whittenburg scored points in the first seven 3-pointers in Atlantic Coast Conference foot bonus circle in the second half. Stat scorer broke his right arm in the first half, and Coach Terry Holler said he was "pleased" to be named Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Thurl Bailey, a high 25 points for 3 and 1-1 in the 2nd half, had 14 ft and 3-0 in conference.

In the Top Two Michigan downed 63-58. Involving ranked Louisville defeat 11th-ranked North Carolina 72-7. Missouri, 91-62. No. 10 defeated Pitt 6 ranked Houston 54-51.

Milt Wagner and the Cardinals thwarted a Duke their 12th victory. Duke cut the 29 nine points, 73 buckets by David two free throws, freshman Billy Louisville ahead 44 to play. Lancaster 60 points for Louisville 56 field goal a

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